

# WARRINGTON H.F. RAMBLING CLUB

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January 2022 Newsletter



## Happy New Year to all members!

Welcome to your 2022 walk provider!!!! We have a full and interesting programme up to the end of March, and now, with your 2022 Committee in place, we will be getting on with setting out the summer programme (April to September). Please respond positively when the walk co-ordinators seek proposals for walks from you. We also have two weekends away planned (Whitby in March and the Lakes in October) and the social programme is taking shape.

The other important issue for us all is to get new members, so please do bring along friends, they can always try us out for a couple of events before we will rattle them for the extortionate annual subs of £12!!!!

Peter Winter, Chairman

The following social events at our new venue, St Oswalds – please note, now on Tuesday's (see article)

## 2022 Bulletin Board

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Peter's Planning a Walk and Map Reading (See Article on the last page)  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Aviation over 40 Years of Flying  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - "Going South – Visiting Antarctica"

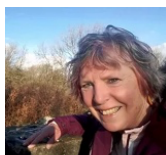
Spring Weekend Whitby. - 11 -14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Autumn Weekend Portinscale (Lakes). 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## New Committee

The committee is appointed by the members at the AGM. We are all club members who are keen to work on your behalf to ensure the Club runs smoothly. Our primary purpose is to provide a varied programme of walks to suit all levels of walker and in addition, provide a number of events to bring us together socially.

We also sort out policy issues and keep the club running on a day to day basis.



This year, only one committee member stood down. We would like to thank Kerry for her stalwart service for 8 years, acting as Higher Grade Walks Co-ordinator. Fortunately, she will not be disappearing altogether and we look forward to seeing her on future walks.

We are pleased to welcome Vini Martino, who picks up this role after being voted on to the committee at the AGM.

## Biopic for Vini

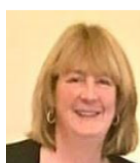
Joining HF Ramblers in 2011, I had little previous walking experience but with the support of seasoned walkers, graduated quickly from casual to challenging mountain walks. I've led walks in the Lake District and Snowdonia and arranged club holidays in Tuscany and the Dolomites. A friendly and inclusive club, I coordinate the Higher Grade walks and look forward to welcoming new members to join us.



So that you know us, below are photos of the rest of the committee, biopics for each of us can be found on the members' only section of the website. Please talk to us on walks if you have any suggestions about the Club.



Peter Winter  
Chairman



Diane Beswick  
Treasurer &  
Website Admin



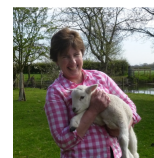
Cathy Carter  
Secretary



Peter Hough  
Weekend Walk Co-  
ordinator &  
Facebook Admin



Wendy Hilton  
Joint Wednesday  
Walk Co-ordinator



Jayne Adamson  
Joint Wednesday  
Walk Co-ordinator



Simon Payne  
Social Events  
Co-ordinator



**Membership subscriptions are now due!**

Fee has reverted to the 2020 level (still excellent value).  
£12 for walking members. £8 for social members

The question of payment methods has been raised by members:

As far as possible payments to the club should be made by bank transfer. Given the number of small payments, e.g. lunch deposits, etc., this is the best way of helping the treasurer operate efficiently and provide you with a good service. We realise that in some cases members may prefer to pay by cash to either the organiser of an event or the relevant committee member. As far as possible it would be helpful if members avoided using cheques, as these involve a somewhat greater administrative load.

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**Account number: 85115482**

**Sort code : 09-01-53**

**Reference: (your name)**



At the AGM it was noted that there are currently 139 paid up members, however, this year whether due to Covid, injuries or house moves, 30 members have not joined any walks or social events. We hope some, if not all, of these will renew their membership, however, realistically, it is the time of year that we do lose some members. With this in mind, we would encourage you to promote the club within your circles and see if we can gain some new members. Only by growing the membership can we continue to offer such a varied programme of walks and social events.

If you know of anyone who might like to join, please ask them to email: [secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com](mailto:secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com)

## Two Christmas Walks and Meals

For the last few years, the club has offered two Christmas Walks and Meals, and this year was no exception. Thanks to Jane Burton and Simon Payne for organising them.

The first was the weekend walk and meal on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. A pleasant walk circa 7 miles along the Dane Valley, with views of Jodrell Bank. A welcome break at the Crown pub on route for mulled wine. Then 30 of us returned for a meal at the Sweetenham Arms.



The second was a walk on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Being close to Christmas did not deter 30 members from enjoying a 6.5 mile walk which included a trip to Dunham Massey Brewing Company and Dunham Park before returning to the Swan with Two Nicks for lunch



## Christmas Party Wednesday 15 December 2021

Numbers were somewhat depleted at the Christmas Party due to worries over the new Covid Omicron variant. Many decided not to come, understandably, since they were concerned risk of infection would ruin their Christmas plans. Nevertheless, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Red River Band did not disappoint – nearly everyone was up and dancing. There was also ample in the way of refreshments. Despite the low attendance, the raffle still raised £67 for our chosen charity for 2021 – Air Ambulance



## Spring Weekend Away - Fri 11 to Mon 14th March 2022 Whitby

**There is still time to book!**

You will need to book your accommodation, suggestions for places you might stay were on the information sent out are shown on the email sent out on Tuesday 11 January. Please let Phil or Jan know once you have booked so that they can co-ordinate things.

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Jan 07951 282446 [jan.sherlock55@gmail.com](mailto:jan.sherlock55@gmail.com)



Diary  
Date

## Autumn Weekend Away - Fri 7 to Mon 10 October 2022 Lake District

Just to let you know, we have secured rooms at the Derwentwater Hotel in Portinscale (about 2 miles outside Keswick) Full booking details will go out at a later date, however, for dinner, bed and breakfast it will be:

£64 per person per night for a Twin or Double room  
£79 per person per night for a Single room







### Next Club Social Evening – Peter's Planning a Walk and Map Reading

Hopefully we will see lots of you at our first club social event on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at St Oswalds at 7.30pm**

Presented by our very own Peter and Linda Hough. Peter and Linda have been leading club walks for many years and also travel across much of the country with their caravan, from which they enjoy exploring new areas and discovering new walks.

Peter is the Weekend Walk Co-ordinator and Linda brings skills from her years of teaching geography.

I am particularly looking forward to discovering how to make the most of my newly acquired OS App.



If you are thinking of leading a walk, are new to leading, or just want to brush up on your map reading skills, then you will find our presentation worthwhile.

In the first part of the evening, Peter will be focusing on how to plan a walk. He will highlight the factors that determine what sort of walk you should plan, what to look for in an ideal walk, and where to find a route that fits the bill.

After a short break, Linda will take the reins and talk about map reading and not getting lost!

She will reveal what Ordnance Survey maps show us, the meaning of symbols, different rights of way, how to read height and the shape of the land. She will also demonstrate how to use a compass with a map for navigation, and will discuss the use of the OS app.

### Your Club/Your Newsletter!

#### Club Questionnaire

Before Christmas, we sent out a questionnaire to members to seek your views on various issues. Thanks to the 35 members who responded, the outline of results is attached as a separate document, but in addition we gained 9 pages of comments.

Rest assured, as a committee, we will be reviewing all that was said and will feed back in the future.

### Thanks to Jo Frankland for the following:



On BBC iplayer, Winter Walks. There appear to be two series. I've seen first one, and enjoyed. People like Poet Laureate Simon Armitage do a walk in areas they like, with a 360 degree camera.

Also on iplayer, Walking With, which is similar.

Also:



A snippet of information from Country Walking:  
Did you know in modern kissing gates the internal space has to allow a cylinder 1m in diameter to pass through?

*Is someone saying us hikers have expanded over the years?!*

We welcome anything you feel may be of interest to members to publish in the newsletter, Please feel free to send any items of interest or amusement to [secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com](mailto:secretarywarringtonhf@gmail.com) for inclusion

**Very much looking forward to seeing you out walking again soon**

Peter and all of your Committee (Cathy, Diane, Jayne, Vini, Peter H, Peter W, Simon and Wendy)